



**Bismarck Animal Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020**

The Bismarck Animal Advisory Board met on January 9, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the first-floor conference room of the City/County Building, 221 N 5th St.

Advisory Board members present were Teri Benson-Holmstrom, Sue Buchholz, Myra Kosse, Terry Lincoln, Shawn Oban, Barb Plum and Tait Sundstrom. Others present included Whitnie Olsen, Cameo Skager, Jeff Solemsass and Jason Tomanek.

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom called for consideration of the minutes from the October 10, 2019 Animal Advisory Board meeting.

Motion: Teri Benson-Holmstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting. Myra Kosse seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with board members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Goals for 2020 / Community Outreach and Education

Vice-Chairman Sundstrom started a discussion regarding goals for 2020.

1. Teri Benson-Holmstrom recommended continuing with education and community outreach. Examples for education may include:
 - Spay/neutering, tagging, rules, leash laws, microchipping, signs for businesses, brochures.
 - Options to email information to businesses.
 - Partner with Chamber EDC for outreach and distribution of signs and information.
 - Partner with other organizations to help make the community aware of the board.
 - Tait Sundstrom and Cameo Skager will work together to create advertisement material as well as a brochure and will bring examples to the next scheduled meeting.
2. Exploration into microchipping and licensing with the City of Bismarck.
3. Consider requesting a budget for funds to help support activities throughout the community.
4. Creating fostering awareness especially regarding the City Animal Impound.

Other Business

Abuse and Neglect: Cruelty

Would have to be processed in Federal Court until the State adopts the law.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

The next meeting of the Bismarck Animal Advisory Board will be held at 10:00 AM, April 9, 2020 in the first-floor conference room of the Bismarck-City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen